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SUBJECT: DRAFT INVESTMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

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1. PLS PASS FOLLOWING TO GERALD P. MORGAN, OPIC VP: OMAN MFA PROPOSES FOLLOWING CHANGES: (INFORMAL TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY FONMIN):

A. PARA 3. QTE IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAKES PAYMENT TO THE INVESTOR, UNDER COVERAGE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE HOST GOVERNMENT SHALL, WHEN THE INVESTOR HAS COMPLETED ITS FUNCTION, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 4, RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER TO THE ISSUING GOVERNMENT OF ANY CURRENCY, CREDITS, ASSETS, OR AMERICAN CAPITAL INVESTED IN THE COMPLETED PROJECT, ON ACCOUNT OF WHICH PAYMENT AND SUCH COVERAGE IS MADE TO THE ISSUING GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS TRANSFER TO THE ISSUING GOVERNMENT ANY RIGHT, TITLE, CLAIM, PRIVILEGE, OR CAUSE OF ACTION EXISTING OR WHICH MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THE ISSUING GOVERNMENT SHALL ASSERT NO GREATER RIGHTS THAN THOSE OF THE TRANSFERRING INVESTOR WITH RESPECT TO ANY INTERESTS TRANSFERRED OR SUCCEEDED TO UNDER THIS PARAGRA P. UNQTE.

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B. PARA 5. QTE. THE INVESTOR SHALL REINVEST A MINIMUM

OF 50 PERCENT OF THE PROFTIS IT MAKES FROM THE PROJECTS IN THE HOST COUNTRY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ITEM 2 OF THE AGREEMENT. UNQTE.

- 2. EMBASSY COMMENT: CHANGE TO PARA 3 IS MINIMAL BUT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO INCORPORATE INTO AGREEMENT. BELIEVE INTENT OF PHRASE QTE WHEN THE INVESTOR HAS COMPLETED ITS FUNCTION UNQTE IS TO UNDERSCORE SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS THUS REDUNDANT WITH IMPLICATION OF TERMS RIGHTS AND CLAIMS ALREADY INCLUDED. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER SOME WAY TO INCORPORATE THIS CONCEPT OVERTLY TO SATISFY OMANIS. SUGGESTED CHANGE PARA 5 INAPPROPRIATE AND CONSTITUTES ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE IN AGREEMENT PROVISION WHICH ISN'T REQUIRED BY OMANI FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW, AND THEREFORE WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INVESTORS ENTERING UNDER AGREEMENT. FORTUNATELY MFA HAS INDICATED FLEXIBILITY THIS ISSUE; WE SUGGEST WE ADVISE OMANIS IT UNACCEPTABLE.
- 3. AT TIME ABOVE CHANGES TURNED OVER, FONMIN DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (DAHAB) OFFERED NO FURTHER EXPLANATION OF REASONING BEHIND AMENDMENTS. WE ARE NOT SURE THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN CLEARED THROUGH OMANGOV. IN VIEW OF VAGUENESS ON THIS POINT, WE DOUBT THAT EARLY RETURN VISIT BY MORGAN JUSTIFIED. RATHER, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO MOVE AGREEMENT CLOSER TO SIGNATURE, THEN REVIEW NEED OR USEFULNESS OF SUCH A VISIT.

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